

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1           1.    A    hand    protector    and    grip    enhancer,  
2    comprising:

3           a generally C-shaped body;

4           a finger receiving pocket at a first end of said C-  
5    shaped body; and

6           a thumb receiving pocket at a second end of said C-  
7    shaped body.

1           2.    The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim  
2    1, wherein said C-shaped body is made of a material  
3    having low thermal conductivity.

1           3.    The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim  
2    2, wherein said material possesses an inherent anti-slip  
3    characteristic.

1           4.    The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim  
2    1, wherein said C-shaped body is heat resistant.

1           5.    The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim  
2    4, wherein said C-shaped body is formed from silicone.

1           6.    The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim  
2   4, wherein said C-shaped body comprises at least one of  
3   elastomeric material and rubber.

1           7.    The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim  
2   1, wherein said C-shaped body is flexible about a hinge  
3   region    between    said    first    and    second    ends.

1           8.    The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim  
2   7, wherein said hinge region is shaped to substantially  
3   conform to a user's palm.

1           9.    The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim  
2   7, wherein said hinge region has a substantially convex  
3   outer surface shape.

1           10.   The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim  
2   9, further comprises ribs at an interior region, wherein  
3   said ribs define said convex outer surface shape of said  
4   hinge region.

1           11. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim  
2 7, wherein said hinge region has a substantially flat  
3 outer surface shape.

1           12. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim  
2 7, wherein said C-shaped body is symmetrical about said  
3 hinge region.

1           13. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim  
2 7, wherein a length of said C-shaped body from said  
3 hinge region to said first end is sized to generally  
4 conform to a length of a user's hand from a palm region  
5 to finger tips.

1           14. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim  
2 7, wherein a length of said C-shaped body from said  
3 hinge region to said second end is sized to generally  
4 conform to a length of a user's hand from a palm region  
5 to a tip of said user's thumb.

1           15. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim  
2 7, wherein a length of said finger receiving pocket  
3 extending from said hinge region to said first end is  
4 substantially similar to a length of said thumb  
5 receiving pocket extending from said hinge region to  
6 said second end.

1           16. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim  
2 7, wherein a length of said finger receiving pocket  
3 extending from said hinge region to said first end is  
4 not similar to a length of said thumb receiving pocket  
5 extending from said hinge region to said second end.

1           17. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim  
2 1, wherein said finger receiving pocket and said thumb  
3 receiving pocket includes holes to permit air flow and  
4 drainage.

1           18. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim  
2 1, wherein said each pocket includes a flap.

1           19. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim  
2 18, wherein said flap is integrally formed with said C-  
3 shaped body.

1           20. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim  
2 1, wherein said C-shaped body further comprises an  
3 interior region having ribs that run along a first wall  
4 and a second wall extending from a hinge region.

1           21. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim  
2 20, wherein said ribs are of different lengths.

1           22. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim  
2 1, wherein said C-shaped body further comprises an  
3 interior region having ribs that run along a first wall  
4 and a second wall extending from a hinge region, wherein  
5 a surface of said first and second wall comprises a  
6 plurality of bumps and ridges.

1           23. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim  
2 22, wherein said surface of said first and second wall  
3 further comprises a plurality of discrete protuberances.

1           24. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim  
2 1, wherein said thumb receiving pocket further comprises  
3 a thumb receiving stall.

1           25. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim  
2 1, wherein said C-shaped body further comprises a strap

3 mechanism wherein at least one said pocket is defined by  
4 a strap.

1        26. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim  
2 1, wherein said C-shaped body further comprises finger  
3 guards attached to said first and second ends of said C-  
4 shaped body.

1        27. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim  
2 1, wherein said finger receiving pocket and said thumb  
3 receiving pockets are substantially similar in shape.

1        28. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim  
2 1, wherein said finger receiving pocket and said thumb  
3 receiving pockets are not similar in shape.

1        29. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim  
2 1, wherein said first and second ends have a  
3 substantially flat tip shape.

1        30. The hand protector and grip enhancer of claim  
2 29, wherein the substantially flat tip shape of said  
3 first and second ends enable said hand protector and  
4 grip enhancer to free stand in an upright position.

1           31. A hand protector and grip enhancer, comprising:  
2           a generally C-shaped body;  
3           a finger receiving pocket at a first end of said C-  
4 shaped body; and  
5           a thumb receiving pocket at a second end of said C-  
6 shaped body, said thumb receiving pocket further  
7 comprising a thumb receiving stall integrally formed to  
8 an inside wall of said C-shaped body.

1           32. A hand protector and grip enhancer,  
2 comprising:  
3           a generally C-shaped body;  
4           a finger receiving pocket at a first end of said C-  
5 shaped body; and  
6           a thumb receiving stall integrally formed to an  
7 inside wall of said C-shaped body.

1           33.           A hand protector and grip enhancer,  
2 comprising:

3           a generally C-shaped body;

4           a first strap mechanism at a first end of said C-  
5 shaped body for receiving a user's fingers; and

6           a second strap mechanism at a second end of said C-  
7 shaped body for receiving said user's thumb.

1           34.   A hand protector and grip enhancer,  
2 comprising:

3           a generally C-shaped body;

4           a finger receiving pocket at a first end of said C-  
5 shaped body;

6           a thumb receiving pocket at a second end of said C-  
7 shaped body; and

8           a hinge region towards the center of said C-shaped  
9 body, wherein a length of said finger receiving pocket  
10 extending from said hinge region to said first end is  
11 not substantially similar to a length of said thumb  
12 receiving pocket extending from said hinge region to  
13 said second end.



1           35. A hand protector and grip enhancer,  
2 comprising:  
3           a generally C-shaped body;  
4           a finger receiving pocket at a first end of  
5 said C-shaped body;  
6           a thumb receiving pocket at a second end of  
7 said C-shaped body; and  
8           wherein said first and second ends have a  
9 substantially flat tip shape which enables said hand  
10 protector and grip enhancer to free stand in an upright  
11 position.